

**LICENSING COMMITTEE
19 MARCH 2014**

Present:- (Chairman)
Councillors Mary Blandon, Julia Havis, Pauline Hazell,
Mike Hogg, Brian Jarvis, Margaret Kimberley and
Michael Lilley

18. Consultation on Fees Under the Licensing Act 2003

Councillor Hogg, in respect of his position as a personal licence holder and his interest in the Oak Tree Building, St Anne's Community Association, declared his personal interest in the following item pursuant to the provisions of the Meetings General Procedure Rule 7(2)

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Professional Services setting out the Council's proposed response to the Home Office consultation on the setting of locally determined fees. The ability to recover the costs the Council incurs in the discharge of its functions under the Licensing Act 2003 was welcomed however concern was expressed at the lack of clarity concerning the alternative methods for setting fees that were proposed.

RESOLVED that the proposed response to the consultation on the setting of locally determined fees, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report, be submitted to the Home Office.

19. Relaxation of Licensing Hours for the World Cup // Consultation Document

The Deputy-Chairman agreed, pursuant to the provisions of Section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972, to consider the following item at the meeting as a matter of urgency because the need to respond on the Home Office consultation by 26 March 2014.

The Head of Professional Services submitted a report regarding the consultation by the Home Office on the relaxation of licensing hours for the World Cup. In responding to the document the Council was asked to consider whether the determination of licensing hours should be determined centrally or should be a local decision. It was the Council's view that such matters were better determined at a local level. The use of TENs to extend licensing hours would enable the Police and Environmental Protection to have a say in which local premises could operate extended hours.

RESOLVED that the proposed response to the consultation document, as set out in the report, be approved for submission to the Home Office.